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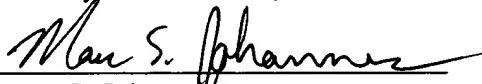
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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 19, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this amendment.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this amendment.